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OPIUM BAN

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1. BRITISH EMBASSY CONFIRMED TO DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 13
THAT (AS REPORTED IN REFTEL) UK AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA HAD
RECENTLY CALLED ON DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL
AFFAIRS IN TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE TO URGE AGAIN THAT
TURKEY NOT RESCIND THE OPIUM POPPY BAN. BRITISH EMBASSY
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OFFICER STATED THAT UK AMBASSADOR HAD RECITED ALL THE

ARGUMENTS AGAINST RESUMPTION OF POPPY PRODUCTION BY TURKEY WHILE RECOGNIZING TURKISH SOVEREIGNTY; HAD POINTED OUT THAT THE TURKISH BAN ON OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A REDUCTION IN THE HEROIN TRAFFIC, THAT IT WAS A HUMANITARIAN MEASURE, AND THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WIPE OUT. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER LIKEWISE CONFIRMED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS HAD INDICATED IN REPLY THAT SOME OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO SHARED BRITISH VIEW AND HAD MADE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS AND THAT SOME TURKS ALSO AGREED WITH THIS VIEW. HE SAID DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD STATED HE WOULD BRING BRITISH REPRESENTAONS TO ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER. IN COMMUNICATING THIS INFORMATION TO DEPARTMENT, BRITISH

EMBASSY OFFICER REFERRED TO APPROACH MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN TO FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN DURING RECENT CENTO MEETING. SISCO

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